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45. (New) The block as recited in claim 44, wherein the bleach comprises a chlorine release agent.

46. (New) The block as recited in claim 45, wherein the bleach is an N-chlorinated cyanuric acid derivative.

47. (New) The block as recited in claim 35, wherein the compositions are co-extruded.

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The Office Action of February 22, 2002, has been carefully considered. The amendments made herein are intended to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner and to place the case in condition for allowance.

Hence, claims 18-34 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 35-47. The Examiner's rejections under §102 and §103 are believed moot in view of the newly presented claims.

Claim 35 recites a cleansing block formed of two compositions. Bleach is contained in one part and perfume is in the other part. The perfume is not compatible with the bleach and so degradation of the bleach by the perfume is avoided or greatly minimized according to this invention. Also, both compositions include a hydrophobe, but the hydrophobes must be different. In other words, the same hydrophobe in each of the two parts must be avoided, according to this invention.

The cited art does not express or suggest these important features. The prior art suggests pine oil (which is a perfume and a hydrophobe, and is also bleach stable) in both parts.

The Holdt et al. references ('072 and '207) teach two component tablets which include plasticizers which are not miscible to avoid dye migration as well as pine oil (a hydrophobe and perfume) in both parts. Although pine oil is a bleach stable perfume, it acts as a hydrophobe, and causes migration of components (such as a dye or perfume). Thus, these references do not recognize the need or desirability of using different hydrophobes. They only recognize a need for different plasticizers. The '072 and '207 references teach a common hydrophobe, e.g., pine oil, which is contrary to applicant's claimed invention.

Barford et al., at column 12, line 34 ff teach bleach containing components, but no hydrophobe. Claim 35 recites a hydrophobe in the bleach component as well as the other.

Based on the foregoing remarks and applicant's new schedule of claims, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art, either singly or in any valid combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious applicant's claimed invention within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or §103. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is solicited.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

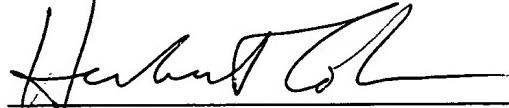
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